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# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Highlights of the Week

## Helping Communities Recover from Hurricane Matthew



On Thursday, Gov. Cooper traveled to Fair Bluff to thank students and staff of Columbus Career and College Academy (CCCA) for their volunteerism during and after Hurricane Matthew. Amid the devastation from Matthew, CCCA acted as a Red Cross emergency shelter, taking in neighbors affected by the hurricane. The governor also visited residents at a housing complex that recently reopened after being severely damaged in Hurricane Matthew.

"Help can't come quick enough for those who have been left homeless from a hurricane," Cooper said. "The recovery process is long and we still have a lot more work to do. We need to get people back into their former homes or into new, safer homes."

**[Read more about the governor's hurricane recovery visit here.](#)**

**6 Million Meals for Meals on Wheels**



On Wednesday, Gov. Cooper and First Lady Kristin Cooper delivered the 6 millionth meal with the Meals on Wheels program in Winston-Salem. The governor and first lady met with Rosalie Young, a Meals on Wheels recipient, and talked with her about the importance of the program to seniors across North Carolina. Gov. Cooper also recognized the hard work of the many volunteers who fight hunger statewide.

"These volunteers knock on people's doors and they visit them and deliver nutrition," Gov. Cooper said. "But they offer kindness and friendship and companionship and deliver a message on behalf of this community that we care about you."

**[Read more about Gov. Cooper's Meals on Wheels visit here.](#)**

**Protecting Our Drinking Water**



On Thursday, Gov. Cooper vetoed House Bill 56, arguing that the legislation only symbolically addresses unregulated, emerging contaminants in North Carolina's drinking water. HB 56 does not provide resources to state agencies whose mission is to protect drinking water from illegal chemicals. The bill also unduly rolls back environmental protections regarding landfills, river basins and beaches.

"This cynical legislation fails to address the concerns of families in the Cape Fear region and does nothing to protect drinking water statewide going forward," said Gov. Cooper.

**[Read Gov. Cooper's full statement here.](#)**

**NC Joins U.S. Climate Alliance**





This week, Gov. Cooper announced that North Carolina will join the U.S. Climate Alliance, a bipartisan coalition currently made of 15 states that are committed to reducing their share of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.

"Clean air and a healthy environment are vital for a strong economy and a healthier future," Gov. Cooper said. "So much of North Carolina's economy relies on protecting our treasured natural resources, and I'm committed to maintaining the quality of their air we breathe for generations to come."

This is just the latest action taken by the Cooper Administration to help combat climate change. Gov. Cooper recently signed into law House Bill 589, Competitive Energy Solutions for North Carolina, which will roughly double North Carolina's solar generation over the next four years.

**[Learn more about North Carolina's role in the U.S. Climate Alliance here.](#)**

**Wishing Livingstone College Students Well at Fall Convocation**



On Friday, Gov. Cooper traveled to Salisbury to deliver a fall convocation address to students and faculty at Livingstone College, a historically black college. During his remarks, the governor encouraged students set intentions for the upcoming schoolyear and the years to follow.

"Living with purpose means something different for every person," Gov. Cooper said. "I'd like to share with you what living a life of purpose means to me, and then I'd like to challenge you to think about what it means to you."

#### **Photo of the Week**

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**Dewey's introducing line of six cookies for wholesale market / A4**

## Maria destroys homes, triggers flooding

Category 4 hurricane knocks out power all across Puerto Rico

**BY JAMES HAMILTON**  
Winston-Salem, N.C. — The strongest hurricane to hit Puerto Rico in more than 60 years devastated the island on Tuesday, knocking out power across the entire island and leaving some areas with no water. The storm, which hit the island at Category 4 strength with winds of 130 mph, is predicted to cause \$1.4 billion in damage to the island's infrastructure, including homes, roads and bridges. The storm is the first to hit Puerto Rico since 1932, when a Category 5 storm killed more than 1,000 people.

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**Local family awaits word on Maria's damage to home**

**BY JAMES HAMILTON**  
Winston-Salem, N.C. — A family in Winston-Salem is waiting to hear if their home in Puerto Rico was damaged by Hurricane Maria. The family, which has lived in the island for over 20 years, is currently staying in a hotel in San Juan. The family is hoping to return to their home in the coming weeks. The storm is the first to hit Puerto Rico since 1932, when a Category 5 storm killed more than 1,000 people.

## Quake relief push begins

Local groups plan to send water, food and other vital aid

**BY JAMES HAMILTON**  
Winston-Salem, N.C.

Local churches and the American Red Cross are beginning their relief efforts to help earthquake victims in Mexico.

A 7.3 magnitude earthquake struck central Mexico on Tuesday, killing at least 250 people. Police, firefighters and ordinary citizens dug through the rubble of collapsed schools, homes and apartment buildings Wednesday, looking for survivors.

Thursday's quake struck on the 10th anniversary of the 2001 earthquake in Mexico that killed about 15,000 people.

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## 6 million meals



Sen. Roy Cooper (left) and his wife, Betty, deliver the official 6 millionth meal to the program on Tuesday, Sept. 25, in the District 10 neighborhood.

## Cooper honors Senior Services' Meals on Wheels as program hits milestone

**BY JAMES HAMILTON**  
Winston-Salem, N.C.

Winston-Salem, N.C. — Sen. Roy Cooper on Tuesday honored the 6 millionth meal delivered by the Senior Services' Meals on Wheels program.

The program, which has been operating since 1978, has delivered more than 6 million meals to the elderly in the Winston-Salem area.

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## Killers: Corbett at fault in death

Irish businessman's wife, father-in-law respond to wrongful-death lawsuit

**BY MICHAEL PERLUTTI**  
Winston-Salem, N.C.

Winston-Salem, N.C. — James Corbett died because he allegedly threatened to kill Thomas Corbett and Molly Corbett, leaving them in a state of fear and confusion. The family is now responding to a wrongful-death lawsuit filed by the state of North Carolina.

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Gov. Cooper on [#GrahamCassidy](#) Health Care Legislation:



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The latest proposal to repeal the Affordable Care Act may be even worse than previous proposals: raising premiums, weakening protections for people with pre-existing conditions, and slashing over \$1 billion from North Carolina's Medicaid program. North Carolina's middle-class families will be worse off if this passes.

Senate Republicans in Washington must work with Democrats to reach a bipartisan solution that expands health care coverage and makes it better.

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